

Washington State Trails Project Overview

In 2006, the Washington State Legislature asked that a statewide trails database be created for both land managers and the public, but the cost projections kept the project dormant until 2013. With changes in technology and easier access to information, it was possible to revisit the concept of aggregating trails data in 2014.

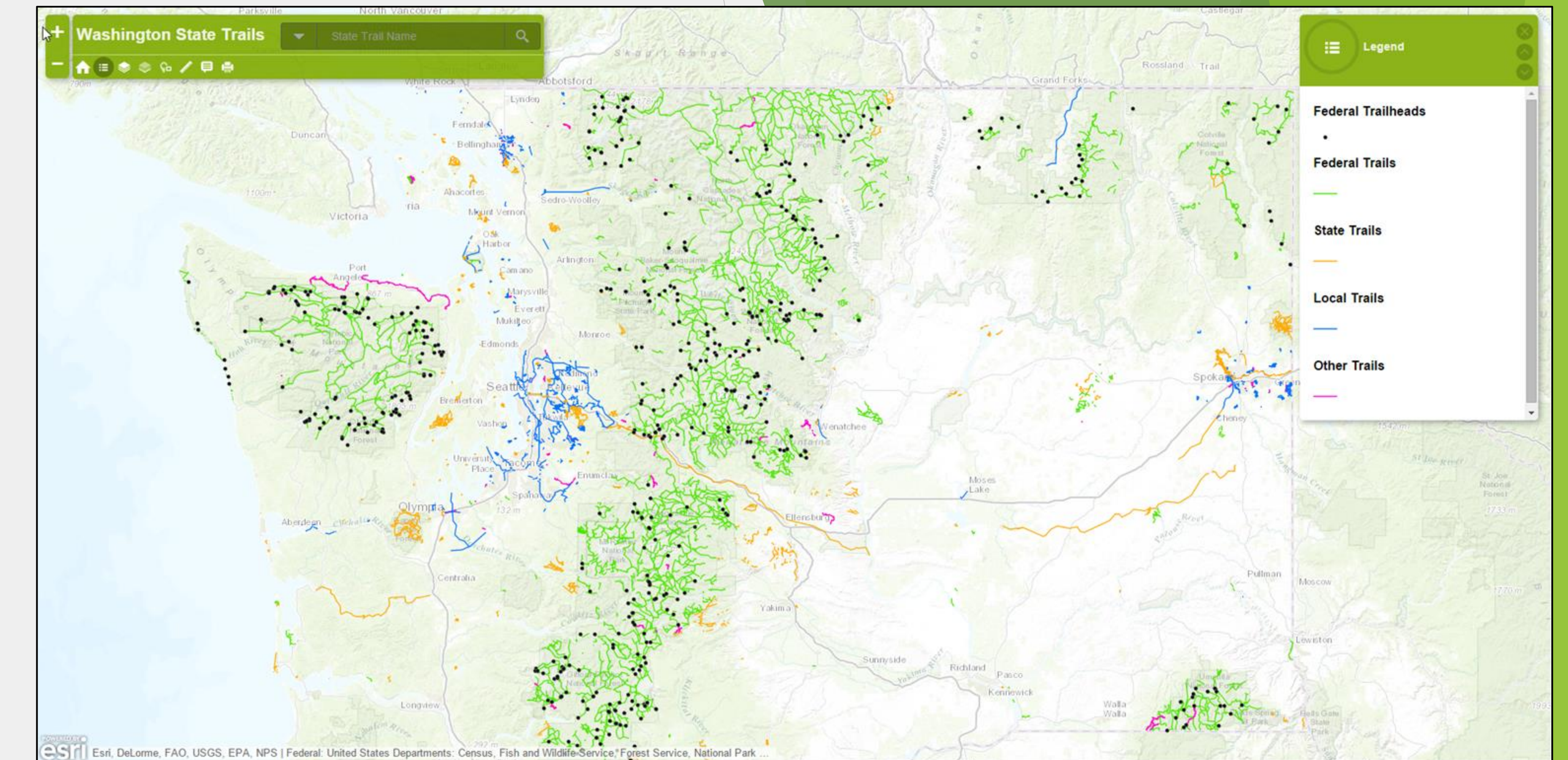
The initial pilot project began with a small group of volunteers and students designing a spatial database following the Federal Trails data standard. After 9 months, the effort came to the attention of the WA Recreation and Conservation Office, and a small Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) grant was awarded to support this data collection effort. In September 2015, the Pilot Phase of the Washington State Trails Project was successfully completed!

The trails mapping application and data are hosted by the Office of the Chief Information Officer's Geospatial Program Office. Within the online mapping application, users can see trail and trailhead features as well as attribute information for those locations.

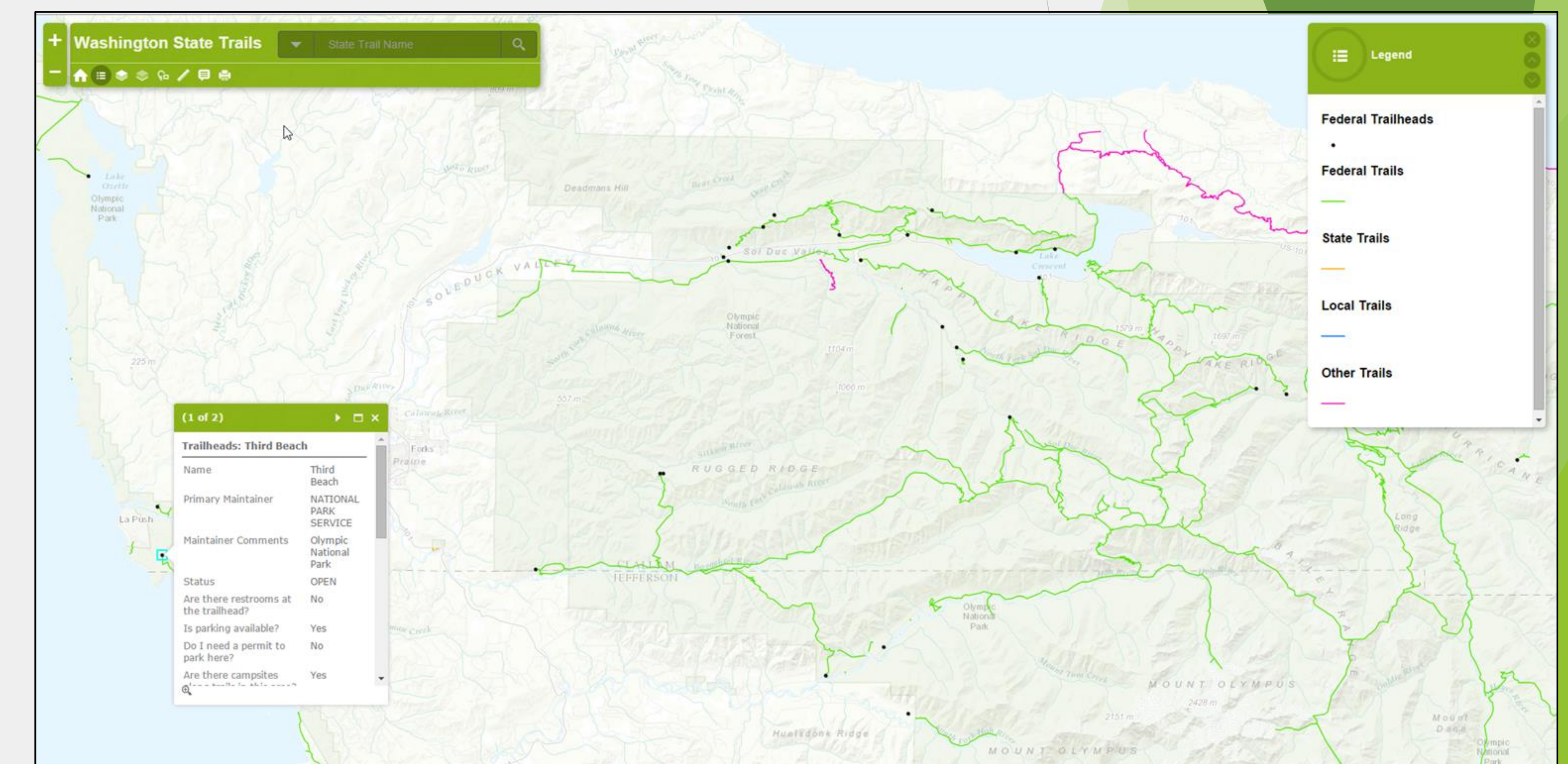
If permanent funding becomes available, the data and maps will continue to be updated; otherwise, it represents a single snapshot of close to 12,000 miles of trails in Washington. The existing data has been forwarded to the US Geological Survey (USGS) for consideration and potential integration into the USGS's National Map Program.

For more information about this project, please visit:

<https://ocio.wa.gov/initiatives/geospatial-program-office/washington-state-trails-database-project>



View of the Trails Mapping Application at www.geography.wa.gov



Click on a trailhead to get more information about a specific trail